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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
VERIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 (f)

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.